

Address of Requesting Entity: Hagerstown, MD

Description of Request: Funded \$100,000. The program will offer assistance needed to develop minorities and women into successful business owners. The city developed the program to create opportunities and increase their number, magnitude and success rate. Hagerstown plans an aggressive outreach and support program designed to increase the number of minority and women owned businesses in the City.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, Planning, Research and Development

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Assistant Secretary of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 548 7201 Corporate Center Dr., Hanover, MD 21076

Description of Request: Funding \$712,500. To continue work on the upgrading of 5.3 miles of I-70 Improvement, this project will address safety concerns and relieve congestion on a heavily traveled roadway.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation Planning, Research and Development

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Assistant Secretary of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 548 7201 Corporate Center Dr. Hanover, MD 21076

Description of Request: Funding \$95,000 Upgrade I-81 Improvements between the West Virginia and Pennsylvania state lines to improve safety and reduce congestion. This project will address safety concerns and relieve congestion on a heavily traveled roadway.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation Planning, Research and Development

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Director of Economics Development City of Frederick

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 North Court Street, Frederick MD 21701

Description of Request: Funding \$285,000 US 15 and Catocin Mountain Highway Construction of a full grade separated urban diamond interchange at the intersection of US 15 and Catocin Mountain Highway with Christophers Crossing/Monocacy Boulevard. This is on e of the primary access points to Fort Detrick.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation Planning, Research and Development

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hagerstown, City Engineer

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 E. Franklin St. Hagerstown, MD 21740

Description of Request: Funding \$380,000 Eastern Boulevard Widening and grade separation from MD RT64 to Antietam Blvd. This will result in better traffic flow and will eliminate congestion at the current Eastern Blvd/ North Ave/Potomac Street intersection

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation Planning, Research and Development

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Board of County Commissioners of Washington Co., MD

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 W. Washington St. Hagerstown, MD 21740

Description of Request: Funding \$95,000 Hagerstown Area Northeast By-Pass Project is

to conduct a planned level analysis for he construction of the Hagerstown MD vicinity. This highway would connect to I-70 on the east and I-81 toward the north.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Frederick Community College and Carroll Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702

Description of Request: Funding \$143,000 used for construction of laboratories and classrooms, staff salaries and leasing costs. Howard, Frederick and Carroll Community Colleges are partnering with health providers to offer education in specific health care fields in Mt. Airy, Maryland. The facility would be know as the Mid-Maryland Community College Allied Healthcare Education Center.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington County Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 251 East Antietam Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Description of Request: Funding \$285,000 Purchase new Angioplasty room, upgrading technology would help address the growing need for Angioplasty procedures in the Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia Region.

CONGRATULATING MARIE MAIER, OF HOPE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marie A. Maier of Hope Township, New Jersey as she reaches an amazing milestone in life and celebrates her 100th birthday on Thursday, March 26, 2009 with her family, friends and local community and governmental leaders.

I have personally known Marie Maier for many years and she has always been a wonderful inspiration to everyone around her. This is exceptionally so for members of her family, her friends and her neighbors.

Marie A. Kroener was born on March 26, 1909 in New York City to Henry and Evan Kroener. On November 29, 1933, she was married to Hermann R. Maier and she enjoyed an outstanding business career as a legal assistant for what is now modern day Texaco. She also served as an accountant for her husband's business, Educational Placements, and worked in her father's restaurant and microbrewery on Staten Island.

Marie and her husband founded Educational Products Company, which manufactured the first plastic cookie cutters in the United States and they further distinguished themselves as the owners-operators of the renowned Land of Make Believe, which is the oldest and largest water and amusement park in New Jersey.

Additionally, Marie has given generously of her time, talents and resources to a wide range of civic and community organizations, including as one of the founding members of

the Sussex and North Warren Girls Scouts Council and President of North Warren Girl Scouts Council, as Past President of the Hope Historical Society and as an active and tireless member of the Blair Women's Club.

Marie takes pride in her children and she takes especial delight in her two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. As she observes the important milestone of her 100th birthday, her family, friends and community leaders are especially appreciative of her valuable and irreplaceable presence in their lives.

Marie Maier continues to make amazing contributions to her family and to her community.

It is my pleasure to congratulate her on her 100th birthday and to share her wonder life story with my colleagues in the United States Congress and with the American people.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EARL LLOYD

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of a trailblazer in the National Basketball Association. Earl Lloyd retired to Cumberland County, Tennessee, in my Congressional District after a distinguished career as a basketball player and coach and with a historic superlative: the first African American to play in the NBA.

After a promising start at West Virginia, Mr. Lloyd was drafted to play with the Washington Capitols in the NBA. Soon thereafter, he signed with the Syracuse Nationals. In 1955, after three years with the Nationals, Mr. Lloyd set another milestone by helping to lead his team to an NBA Championship, making him one of the first two African Americans to win a Championship. Players and sportscasters nicknamed Mr. Lloyd "The Big Cat" for his height and speed, and he finished his playing career with an average of 8.4 points and 6.4 rebounds per game.

With an enviable career in the NBA behind him, Mr. Lloyd continued on in the NBA as an assistant coach with the Detroit Pistons. Years later, after marrying and raising two children, Mr. Lloyd marked another first for African Americans when he was promoted as a non-playing coach with the Detroit Pistons.

Chicago sportscaster Johnny Kerr once remarked in Sports Illustrated that if people know who Jackie Robinson is, why don't they know about Earl Lloyd? Mr. Lloyd might say that his achievement went unnoticed because basketball, as a sport, had yet to really capture the attention of a wide American audience. People who know Mr. Lloyd well, however, will speak to his humility in the face of all he has accomplished.

I ask that my colleagues rise with me today to recognize the life's work of a trailblazer who did so much for his sport and for African Americans across the country.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Interior, Environmental Protection Agency

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Baton Rouge

Address of Requesting Entity: 222 St. Louis Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Description of Request: City of East Baton Rouge for Sewer System Improvements. East Baton Rouge Parish, under a consent decree with the EPA for sewer system overflows, is replacing and repairing much of its outdated and deteriorating decades-old sewer system. As part of this effort, the Parish is rehabilitating, upgrading, and/or replacing many of the major sanitary sewer trunk lines and pump stations transporting flow to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP). The SWWTP services an area of approximately 44,000 acres with a population of approximately 210,000 people, and has a plant design capacity of 120MGD. The Service area comprises much of the southern portion of the Parish, including portions of Downtown Baton Rouge, the Baton Rouge Community College, and Louisiana State University. This area is experiencing significant population growth due to the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, as well as ongoing regional development. The City/Parish has already expended approximately \$500,000,000 in improvements to all three of its sanitary sewer collection and treatment facilities, and is scheduled to expend another \$1,200,000,000 to address the system's sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) issues under the consent decree. Improvements in the SWWTP service area are necessary to meet sewer disposal needs and to protect the public health.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Interior, Environmental Protection Agency

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of West Monroe

Address of Requesting Entity: 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, LA 71291

Description of Request: City of Monroe, Monroe Wastewater Treatment System. Treatment of Wastewater to Drinking Water Quality for Sparta Aquifer Preservation & Industry Reuse saves the overdraw of the Sparta Aquifer by recycling existing Wastewater and plans for additional flow. This project cuts the deficit of Sparta by about half. It will benefit 14 parishes in NE Louisiana that use the Sparta and will limit most of the Municipal Discharge into the Ouachita River.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: AG, Agricultural Research Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana State University

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 25203 Baton Rouge, LA 70894

Description of Request: Delta Nutrition Initiative, Little Rock, AR. Louisiana ranks 4th in adult obesity and the obesity rate for children have tripled over the past 3 decades. Due to this, childhood obesity prevention in Louisiana has become the LSU AgCenter's Family and Consumer Sciences Extension and Outreach Division's focus. We are requesting \$705,000 dollars to implement the USDA Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program (FVSP) in selected schools. This program will expand nutrition education outreach and applied research already being implemented by an established grassroots network of Extension educators in every parish. Underway is a tri-state initiative, Delta HOPE, to address childhood obesity in the poverty-stricken Delta region of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas. The AgCenter also has a public-private partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana to conduct and evaluate an interactive educational program called Smart Bodies to teach children how to build strong bodies and develop active minds. Federal dollars will be used to leverage state and private dollars to implement and evaluate the USDA FVSP. Grants will be given to selected public schools participating in Smart Bodies to purchase fruits and vegetables for students to consume throughout the school day. This program will not only improve children's health behaviors, but increase consumption of agricultural commodities

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: AG, Agricultural Research Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana State University

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 25203 Baton Rouge, LA 70894

Description of Request: Formosan Subterranean Termites Research, New Orleans, LA. The Formosan subterranean termite has infested 32 of the 64 parishes in Louisiana, with the most severe infestations in the New Orleans and Lake Charles areas. This insect has caused millions of dollars worth of damage with an astonishing \$300 million impact in New Orleans alone. Clearly, it is the most costly pest in the state and the management of this termite is essential to Louisiana's economic well-being. For the last seven years, the LSU AgCenter has participated in the USDA/ARS project, Operation Fullstop. The AgCenter is the lead agency in management programs for this termite in the French Quarter and 16 public schools in Orleans and Jefferson parishes. From the \$31,800,000 appropriation to ARS, the AgCenter has received approximately \$8.5 million since the initial appropriation in FY 1998. Sixty-four percent (64%) or (\$6,874,724) of these funds has been pass-through money to the pest control operators and thirty-six percent (36%) or (\$2,770,606) has been used to conduct research and extension educational programs. During the past year, the AgCenter received \$1,340,006. Of that amount, \$282,163, or approximately twenty-one and one-half percent (21.5%), was for research and extension activities. The remaining \$1,057,843, or seventy-eight and one half percent (78.5%), was for the PCO operators. We are requesting an increase to \$500,000 to expand our research

and extension programs. Research would focus on improved termite detection systems, evaluation of wood treatment products for protecting building materials, and enhancement of bait technology among others. Extension would continue to provide the critical tasks of educating the citizenry on all aspects of integrated pest management (IPM) of structural pests.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: AG, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana State University

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 25203 Baton Rouge, LA 70894

Description of Request: Blackbird Management, Louisiana. Blackbird depredation of rice is a serious economic problem facing rice producers in Louisiana. Depredation of rice occurs at planting and just prior to harvest; however, the most serious problem is depredation of rice seed and seedlings at planting. Yield losses due to blackbird depredation have been estimated to vary from 77 million pounds in 1995 to slightly over 93 million pounds in 2002. Economic losses associated with blackbird damage have been estimated to average \$9.3 million annually from 1995 to 2002. Damage does not occur uniformly across the state; consequently, severe economic losses may be experienced by some producers due to the concentration of blackbirds in a given area. The use of DRC-1339 has resulted in reducing the extent of damage and the magnitude of economic loss. DRC-1339 is a selective avicide specific to blackbirds, grackles, and starlings. As a result, reduction in blackbird damage to rice is achieved with little or no effect upon other bird species.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: AG, Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana State University

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 25203 Baton Rouge, LA 70894

Description of Request: Aquaculture, LA. Louisiana contains one of the most diverse aquaculture industries in the U.S. The state continues to lead the nation in production of crawfish, oyster, alligator, and pet turtle sales. Catfish production has declined in recent years but is still important. The total farm-gate value of aquaculture production in 2008 exceeded \$188.6 million. Research is needed to: 1) enhance crawfish harvesting technology and efficiency and to improve crawfish broodstock reproduction, 2) to further develop tools to facilitate genetic improvement of cultured finfish, 3) to determine alternatives to catfish and other fish cultivation methods and production systems including polyculture, which reduce off-flavor and improve fish health, 4) to further refine finfish nutrition and feeding practices so that feed cost are reduced and water quality is improved, 5) to further protect cultured aquatic species from disease, and 6) to develop new value-added aquaculture food products and waste by-products.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105